Briefly this is rediculous. It would require an Amateur Radio Operator to retest to learn or explore a new mode and would be very hard to enforce. Keep the code, it is the proven mode during disaster communications time and time again. If you want the HF priveliges, work and learn the code. If not, remain a technician. Most people can memorize a question pool and know nothing about radio operating or electronics. Everyone wants to do the minimum to receive the maximum in life but you wouldn't want a short order cook to perform open heart surgery either. Keep the code and requirements just like they are!